

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Flynn, on February 14, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 151, 2/8/2017; SB 91, 2/8/2017

00:02:06 Rep. Court and Rep. Price joined the meeting

**HEARING ON SB 91**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:22 Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 91, Clarify what constitutes as shooting from a vehicle for hunting purposes.

**EXHIBIT(fih32a01)**

00:02:45 Rep. M. Regier joined the meeting

00:04:34 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:23 Rob Arnaed, Self and Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

**EXHIBIT(fih32a02)**

00:08:53 Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy joined the meeting

00:09:03 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Spots Association (MSSA)

00:09:39 Mark Anderson, Self

00:11:47 Jeff Scott, Self

**EXHIBIT(fih32a03)**

00:13:57 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:14:27 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:16:34 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

00:17:55 Sam Milodragovich, Skyline Sportsmen Association

**Informational Testimony:**

00:19:06 Dave Loewen, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:19:31 Rep. White

00:20:54 Dave Loewen, FWP

00:21:32 Rep. C. Knudsen

00:22:13 Dave Loewen, FWP

00:22:24 Rep. Vinton

00:22:58 Sen. Hinkle

00:24:04 Chair Flynn

00:24:45 Dave Loewen, FWP

00:25:13 Chair Flynn

00:25:26 Dave Loewen, FWP

00:25:50 Rep. Loge

00:26:39 Dave Loewen, FWP

00:27:07 Chair Flynn

00:27:21 Dave Loewen, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:27:37 Sen. Hinkle

**HEARING ON HB 151**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:32:47 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 151, Appropriation for shooting range development program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:36:19 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)  
00:40:56 EJ Redding, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:42:36 Paul Sihler, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih32a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih32a05\)](#)

00:47:51 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
00:49:08 Sam Milodragovich, Skyline Sportsmen Association  
00:50:41 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:51:46 Wayde Cooperider, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:52:17 Rep. M. Regier  
00:52:41 Rep. Ballance  
00:54:56 Rep. Loge  
00:55:18 Wayde Cooperider, FWP  
00:55:52 Rep. Price  
00:56:17 Nick Gevock, MWF  
00:57:30 Rep. White  
00:58:43 Paul Sihler, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(fih32a06\)](#)

00:59:21 Rep. White  
01:00:01 Rep. Ballance

[EXHIBIT\(fih32a07\)](#)

01:01:06 Rep. White  
01:01:30 Rep. Ballance  
01:02:00 Rep. Vinton  
01:02:53 Rep. Ballance  
01:03:41 Rep. Rosendale  
01:03:56 Wayde Cooperider, FWP  
01:04:37 Rep. Jacobson  
01:05:12 Rep. Ballance  
01:05:23 Rep. Jacobson  
01:05:43 Rep. Ballance  
01:06:15 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:07:07 Rep. Ballance  
01:09:14 Rep. Z. Brown

01:09:41 Paul Sihler, FWP  
01:11:21 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:11:40 Paul Sihler, FWP  
01:12:11 Chair Flynn  
01:12:29 Wayde Cooperider, FWP  
01:13:30 Chair Flynn  
01:14:11 Paul Sihler, FWP  
01:14:35 Chair Flynn  
01:14:56 Paul Sihler, FWP  
01:15:19 Chair Flynn  
01:15:40 Rep. Ballance  
01:15:52 Rep. Loge  
01:16:17 Wayde Cooperider, FWP  
01:16:52 Chair Flynn  
01:17:28 Paul Sihler, FWP  
01:18:38 Rep. Court  
01:19:18 Wayde Cooperider, FWP  
01:20:15 Chair Flynn  
01:20:40 Rep. Ballance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:21:27 Rep. Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:25:03

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih32aad.pdf](#))